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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/58/SR.30).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-third session;[1]

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 8: United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (A/58/83);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 7: Economic and social affairs (A/58/84);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 23: Public information (A/58/90);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/58/16).

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(e) Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/11);

(f) Letter dated 6 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/14);

(g) Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/15);

(h) Letter dated 24 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/19);

(i) Letter dated 24 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/21).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.46

4. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Programme planning" (A/C.5/58/L.46), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Nigeria.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.46 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A of 20 December 1983, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 55/234 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/282 of 20 December 2002 and 58/271 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-third session,[1]

Appreciating the letters from the President of the General Assembly transmitting the recommendations of the Assembly,[2] the Second Committee,[3] the Third Committee[4] and of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[5] on the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on proposed revisions to programmes 7, 8 and 23 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, and on evaluation,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-third session;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 as contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-third session and as endorsed by the Second Committee regarding programme 7, Economic and social affairs,[3] by the General Assembly regarding programme 8, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,[6] and by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) regarding programme 23, Public information;[5]

3. *Reaffirms* the relevant paragraphs of its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination, a report on priority-setting;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, as contained in chapter II, on evaluation, as contained in chapter III, section C, and as endorsed by the General Assembly,[2] on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002 and on the New Partnership for Africa's

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/58/16).
[2] A/C.5/58/19 and A/C.5/58/21.
[3] A/C.5/58/11.
[4] A/C.5/58/15.
[5] A/C.5/58/14.
[6] A/C.5/58/19.

Development, as contained in chapter IV, and on the Joint Inspection Unit, as contained in chapter V, of its report;

5. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the practice of involving United Nations programme managers in investigative processes, requested in section IV, paragraph 3, of its resolution 57/282, at the first part of its resumed fifty-eighth session under the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations".